

City of Newport Beach, CA

City Manager's Newsletter

TO: Mayor Gardner & Council Members

FROM: Dave Kiff, City Manager

DATE: October 5, 2012

Please enjoy the attached newsletters...





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director From:

City Manager's Newsletter Subject:

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Planning Division

New Applications

- Hershey's Market (PA2012-125). A minor use permit application for a food service use within an existing market and delicatessen located at 200 Marine Avenue on Balboa Island. The applicant requests a seating area of approximately 400 square feet to accommodate six tables.
- Goldenrod Variance (PA2012-126). A variance application to allow a new single-unit dwelling located at 211 Goldenrod Avenue to encroach five feet into the required ten foot rear yard setback, to exceed the maximum floor area limit by 444 square feet, and to allow the third floor closer than 15 feet to the front setback line.
- Vista Bonita Lot Line Adjustment (PA2012-124). A lot line adjustment application to increase the size of an existing lot located at 609 Vista Bonita by adjusting the property line between the subject property and the common area of The Bluffs residential development.
- Poppy Day Care (PA2012-127). A minor use permit application for a large child day care facility at 613 Poppy Avenue in Corona del Mar.

Counter Activity

The roll-out of the Q-Matic Customer Queuing System continues and staff and customers, alike, are gaining experience with the new system.

Plan Check Activity

Plan check activity shows a significant increase with seven submittals of single family residences and duplexes in the past three weeks. In addition, plan check activity remains high in and around the Newport Center/Fashion Island area.

PLAN CHECK ACTIVITY FOR SEPTEMBER			
159	PLAN CHECKS REVIEWED OVER THE COUNTER		
125	PLANS APPROVED OVER THE COUNTER (FOR A TOTAL OF 78%)		

Building Division

Staff Update

The Community Development Department is excited to announce that Lauren Wooding will be joining our team as our new Real Property Administrator. She comes from the private sector with many years of experience in real estate and retail development. Her duties will focus on developing and operating the City's Real Property and Asset Management Program. Please join us in welcoming her on her first day of October 8, 2012.

New Reroof Inspection Requirements

New reroof inspection requirements will go into effect on November 1, 2012. A <u>Building Safety</u> Bulletin which contains the details is now available on the City's website.

Building Activity

BUILDING ACTIVITY FOR SEPTEMBER				
\$15.8 MILLION	CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY PERMITTED			
2,760	INSPECTIONS COMPLETED			
377	PERMITS ISSUED			
235	SETS OF PLANS REVIEWED FOR BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE			
4	NEW DWELLING UNITS PERMITTED			
1,260	CUSTOMERS SERVED AT FRONT COUNTER			



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTING + FINANCE & TREASURY + OMB + REVENUE

October 5, 2012

TO: DAVE KIFF, CITY MANAGER

FROM: Dan Matusiewicz, Finance Director

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DONATIONS & GRANTS

The City Manager accepted the following donations or grants on behalf of the City during the quarter ending September 30, 2012. Council Policy F-3, Section C.2, states the Council is to be formally notified each quarter of the acceptance of such funds. A total of \$19,777.80 was accepted.

SOURCE	DATE	AMOUNT	USE
ProLiteracy	7-27-12	\$10,000.00	Literacy Program.
Newport Beach Public Library Foundation	7-31-12	\$8,240.00	Library Materials and Literacy Program.
MOD Donations	8-13-12	\$1,537.80	Bench with dedication plaque at Rhine Wharf Park.

FRAUD DETECTION AND PREVENTION SEMINAR

Accounting Manager Rukshana Virany, Fiscal Specialist Katie Wills and Budget Manager Susan Giangrande attended a 2-hour employee fraud detection and prevention seminar presented by the City's audit firm, White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP on Wednesday, September 26, 2012. They emphasized the importance of establishing policies, i.e., computer use, document retention, etc.; educating employees regarding the policies; and enforcement of the policies. Approximately 43% of fraudulent activity is detected by whistleblowers and an additional 29% of fraudulent activity is detected by management and internal audit functions. A review of the components of strong internal control systems was also presented.

MEASURE M2 AND VEHICLE ABATEMENT AUDITS

Staff from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company were on-site Wednesday, September 26, 2012, to conduct audits on our Measure M2 and Vehicle Abatement Programs. Most of the requested information was provided to the auditors prior to their arrival.

The auditors examined the City's compliance with the Service Authority for the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program, including the procedures established by the City for the monitoring, reporting, and investigation of abandoned vehicles within City limits. Financial and payroll records were disclosed to report on expenditures relating to the Police Department's Patrol division and the Community Service Officers assigned to the program. The total amount audited was \$31,826. The City had no abandoned vehicles reported for fiscal year 2011-12.

Furthermore, the auditors examined the City's compliance with Measure M2 Local Transportation Ordinance No. 3 for its cash, revenue and expenditure records. As part of this compliance, the City is required to spend at least the minimum required Maintenance of Effort (MOE) which is \$8,229,000 on transportation related projects each year in order to be eligible to receive Measure M funds. In FY 12 the City received \$1,433,523 in Measure M funds. The auditors then tested actual general ledger detail including revenue remittances received in the past three years, payroll and other M&O to determine if the City had met its minimum MOE threshold. We won't have the final report for several weeks, but the preliminary word from the auditor was that everything looks good.

A FOND FAREWELL

It's with mixed emotions that we'll be saying good-bye to our Student Aide Danielle Welsh next week. Danielle was hired in June 2007 while she was a student at El Dorado High School. She recently completed her Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Administrative Studies from the University of California at Riverside and she just accepted a Budget Analyst position with the County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission. This will be a great opportunity for Danielle, although we hope to hire her back in Finance some day! It was great for us to watch and help Danielle mature and we're very proud that she's on her way to a great career in public service! Don't forget where you started, Danielle! Best wishes!!

WesPay PAYMENTS SYMPOSIUM

Fiscal Specialist Bryan Bello of our Revenue Division joined other payment experts from the electronic payments industry at the 11th Annual WesPay Payments Symposium in San Diego from September 17–18. Mobile phone banking was the main theme throughout the two days along with discussions about new rules, compliance issues and other innovations in payments.

Mobile phone payments are the future as many banks are gearing towards this trend. Person-to-person electronic payments (P2P), Virtual Wallets, "Point, Know, and Buy" apps such as Amazon Flow, and the Remote Deposit Capture (RDC) are a few of the features that you may have seen in TV banking commercials. Using these features the consumer is able to send a payment and avoid going to the bank or post office. The future of mobile banking is ever growing and the features can be infinite. One idea is the "Speak & Pay." This is an application that turns the iPhone's SIRI into your personal banker and can handle instructions like: "send my son \$50," "pay my power bill," "buy 500 shares of Apple" or answer questions such as "what's my balance?"

Mobile payments and deposits have a lower unit of cost than do physical checks so banks will definitely push their customers to use their mobile phones and apps to save money. The banks might even generate some revenue by charging a small fee for these deposits, but again, this fee is a small price to pay for a consumer if they are saving time and money in the long run. The mobile payments future is exciting and it will be interesting to see what will be provided to our customers in the near future. More and more customers are enrolling in our AutoPay and Online Web Payments while fewer payments are being received via check and cash through the mail. With mobile payments, this trend of receiving fewer payments through the mail will continue.



Newport Beach Fire Department Office of the Fire Chief

DATE: October 5, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

FIRE OPERATIONS

House Fire on Marguerite

On Monday, September 10, Newport Beach firefighters responded to a structure fire in Corona del Mar. Fire crews arrived at the apartment and found a male occupant hanging out of a second floor window surrounded by flames. Firefighter Bryce Andersen single-handedly pulled the trapped man from the window to the safety of police officers below. The man, who had been very badly burned, was quickly taken to the Burn Center. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



Suspicious Package

On Monday, October 1, approximately 200 people were evacuated from City Hall after an employee discovered an unattended, suspicious-looking backpack between the Council Chambers and the Administration Building. The Fire Department, along with the Police Department and City Officials, established a unified command to manage the incident.

Streets around City Hall were closed and neighboring businesses were evacuated as a precaution. Management of the incident went very smoothly and was resolved quickly. Good job by all involved.

Coco's Evacuated

The Coco's Bakery and Restaurant in Corona del Mar was evacuated Wednesday, September 26, after a small fire broke out in the kitchen. The fire was reported at 11:51 a.m. at the restaurant at 3446 E. Coast Hwy. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire and no one was injured. Firefighters evacuated the restaurant as a precautionary measure. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Fire Service Day-Open House



On Saturday, October 6, the Newport Beach Fire Department will be hosting an Open House at Fire Station 7, located at 20401 Acacia Street. Firefighters and Lifeguards will have static displays of their vehicles and equipment, as well as demonstrations of their skills. Please stop by anytime between 10:00am – 1:00pm.

MARINE OPERATIONS

Labor Day concluded our 73 days of summer. As per the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), this summer was the 3rd warmest summer on record. We had many days of large surf and warm waters, with water temperatures reaching 74-75 degrees.

Our statistics for summer and early fall (July 1-September 30) are:

- Over 3200 Rescues
- Over 112.000 Preventative Actions
- Over 6,500 Medical Aides
- 485 people were reunited with their families
- Over 5.1 million beach visitors

It seems that summer will not end! Some of our hottest days were on September 14-15, and 29-30. Most recently we were hit with another heat wave. Last weekend Newport Beach lifeguards patrolled the beach with 10 patrol units, a rescue boat, and 11 staffed lifeguard towers.

On Saturday, September 29, Newport lifeguards had 5 rescues, 435 preventive actions, with 25,000 beach visitors. In Big Corona there were 11 sting ray patients. On Sunday, September 30, Newport Lifeguards had 32 rescues and 680 preventive, with a beach population of 65,000 patrons.

Fire and Lifeguard Training

Our lifeguards have been helping to train fire personnel on shore based rescue techniques. Firefighters were taught how to help a victim in the water near piers, jetties and the shoreline. They were also taught how to throw a life ring to a victim in the water, and victim extraction.





Junior Lifeguard Program

On August 14, our Junior Lifeguard program held its 28th Graduation! We had over 1300 participants this year. The happy faces at Graduation were representative of the fun times had by so many junior lifeguards.



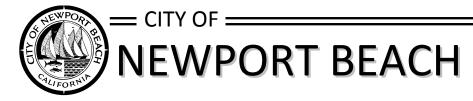
Fuel Modification:

Where an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure.

October 1st was the start of the biannual fuel modification zone inspections for the Newport Coast area. Fire Department staff conducts these inspections in the spring and fall of every year for the 23 different home owner associations (HOAs) in Newport Coast.

These fuel modification areas were created by thinning and replacing fire prone vegetation with drought tolerant, fire resistive plants. To continue to meet defensible space standards, the HOAs are required to maintain shrubs no higher than 24 inches, reduce ladder fuels below tree canopies, remove fire prone vegetation that's not on the approved fire resistive plant list, and remove any dead or dying vegetation.

The goal of these inspections is to ensure that the wildland areas that are adjacent to homes are maintained in a manner that creates defensible space. Should a wildfire occur in these areas, homes will have improved chances of survival due to decreased availability of fuels that will, in turn, slow or halt the spread of wildfire. Defensible space protects the home from igniting due to direct flame impingement and radiant heat.



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: October 5, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Terri L. Cassidy, J.D., Deputy City Manager/Human Resources Director

SUBJECT: News from HR and Risk Management

HUMAN RESOURCES HOSTS ANNUAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH FAIR

Over 350 City employees and retirees attended the annual 2012 Health Fair, held at the Central Library on September 26. Attendees had the opportunity to visit vendors and receive services such as benefit plan information, flu shots, chiropractic demonstrations and bone density screenings for the 2013 plan year. As the City of Newport Beach is, a HEAL city wellness was emphasized. HR received many positive comments including:

"The health fair was fun. Thank you for doing such a good job."

"I just wanted to say thanks to HR and the vendor for the nice lunch box you all provided. The food was good and the mint and the handy wipe were a nice touch. It's the little things. And, of course, thank you all for putting on the fair!"

Human Resources would like to extend a special thank you to the Library, Municipal Operations Department (MOD) – General Services and Information Technology (IT) department members who helped make the health fair a success and to the various vendors for their donations of raffle prizes- all greatly appreciated!





NEW MEDICAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN (MERP) VENDOR

We are pleased to announce ICMA-RC as the new administrator for the City's (post employment) Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (MERP)! Upon receiving notice from OptumHealth Financial Services (OHFS) of their decision to discontinue investment, recordkeeping, retiree health billing and reimbursement services we quickly began the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to select a successor vendor. After a competitive RFP, the City's Deferred Compensation Committee interviewed and awarded the contract to ICMA-RC. The new plan will be implemented in December and transition teams are already in place to move forward with the timeline. Introduction, education and Q&A sessions will be held October 24 at City Hall and November 7 at the Central Library. For more information please refer to:

http://citynet.newportbeachca.gov/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=3190.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Acting Assistant Fire Chief Chip Duncan and Newport Beach Fire Association President (Captain) Brian McDonough presented 6 Former Civil Service Board members with a Commemorative Centennial Fire Badge at the October 1st meeting.



Paula Godfrey

Paula served on the Newport Beach Civil Service Board for 16 years and was Chair to the board for three terms 1995/1996, 2002/2003 and 2006/2007.



Bert Carson

Bert served on the CSB for 16 years and as the Chair to the Board for two terms 2005/2006 and 2008/2009.



Douglas Wood

Doug served on the CSB for a total of 8 years and was the Chair for two terms 2004/2005 and 2007/2008.



Clint Hoose

Clint Hoose served 8 years on the CSB and was the Chairperson to the Board in 1996/1997.



Judge Steve Bromberg

Judge Bromberg joined the CSB in 1993, was re-appointed in 1997 and was the chair to the board in 1997/1998. He served on the City Council from 2000 to 2004, was re-elected in 2005 and served as the Mayor through May of 2005.



Dayna Pettit

Dayna served 10 years on the Civil Service board and was the Chair in 1999/2000.



Former Board Members along with Current Civil Service Board: James "Mickey" Dunlap, M.D. Talbot, Debra Allen, Douglas Coulter and Hugh Logan

Thank you to our past and present Civil Service Board members for your dedication and service to the City of Newport Beach!



LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Library – Cultural Arts

October 5, 2012

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

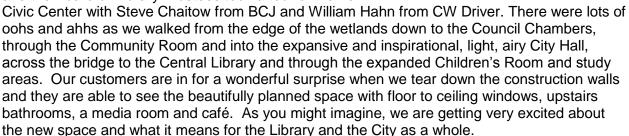
From: Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director

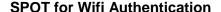
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Tour of City Hall and Library Expansion

Thursday afternoon, members of the City Arts Commission and the Board of Library Trustees took a tour of the new





This week we implemented the new authentication process for using free library WiFi and it is working well. We are are looking into enabling the printing function of SPOT as well, so that customers can print directly from their own laptops. Once we get the details worked out we'll roll out the service to the branches.

Balboa Beach Festival

Melissa Kelly, Julie Duncan and Lauren Hutain will be staffing our booth at the Balboa Beach Festival on October 13. They will be handing out library information to Festival attendees and enjoying a work day at the beach!

Cultural Arts Services

Beautiful Siren, Tragic Lover, Powerful Queen, Who Was the Real Cleopatra?

Tuesday, October 2 staff coordinated the Arts Commission's museum tour to "Cleopatra: The Exhibition" at the California Science Center. Fifty people attended on a rather warm October day, including Arts Commissioners Caroline Logan, husband Hugh, and Rita Goldberg. Most fascinating was the discovery of ancient relics related to Cleopatra in the sea near Alexandria, from tiny gold coins to colossal statues. These finds give us an intriguing glimpse of ancient Egypt in the days before its final conquest by Rome – and tell us more about the intriguing Queen of Egypt. Also included in the tour was a lunch in the Rose Garden Café and a viewing of the IMAX film "Mysteries of Egypt" featuring Omar Sharif and granddaughter.

Cultural Arts Grants Program

On Friday, September 28 applications for the 2012-2013 Cultural Arts Grant Program were due in the Cultural Arts Office. Eleven organizations have applied for grants and the applications were processed by staff and sent to the Arts Commission for review (applications are available to read in the Administrative Office at Central Library.) The Arts Commission will be reviewing the applications all week before their regular meeting on October 11. At that time they will make recommendations for this year's funding. On November 13, the recommendations will be provided to City Council for approval.

Arts Commissioner Tour the Civic Center

The City Arts Commission, members of the Library Board of Trustees and staff were able to tour the new Civic Center and Park on Thursday, October 4. Assistant City Manager Steve Badum, Library Director Cynthia Cowell, architects, and contractors for the new site were able to lead the group through the amazing structures and explain many of the building and park features.

Guitar Virtuoso Joseph Yashar to Play this Sunday, October 7 at 3pm for Musicale



Joseph Yashar started playing the guitar at the age of 12. Primarily self-taught since then, he continued his musical education at Orange Coast College, and was the recipient of several scholarships for private studies. His repertoire contains internationally celebrated virtuoso masterpieces from the Renaissance, Baroque and Classical periods. Joseph is also well versed in a collection of Spanish, Latin and new classical guitar music, including his own original compositions and arrangements.



October 5, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Mark Harmon, Municipal Operations Director

SUBJECT: City Manager's Newsletter

Multi-Agency Response Recognition Party

The Utilities Division gave a pizza party on September 27 to recognize the multi-agency response team for the Balboa Island Channel sewage spill that occurred on August 15 when the City's dredging contractor struck an 8-inch sewer line that services Balboa Island and is located under the channel from the Island to Bayside Drive.

Attending were members from the OC Sanitation District, Irvine Ranch Water District, and Costa Mesa Sanitary District, as well as the City's own response crews.



Belvue Lane Sidewalk Staining Project

Approximately 60 years ago, a tract of 30 homes were developed at the end of the Peninsula where the front of each home opened on to a sidewalk. The sidewalk ran between the homes from Miramar Avenue to East Balboa Boulevard, known as Belvue Lane. The sidewalk was originally installed by the builder with an integrated brown color that gave the walkway its own character and originality. Over time, the color slowly faded and, coupled with concrete repairs, the walkway had lost its aesthetic integrity.





Recently, at the request of Belvue Lane residents, the Concrete Maintenance Crew made minor sidewalk repairs along the 650' long walkway, followed by sidewalk staining by the City's painting contractor, Fox Painting. After discussions with residents and a four-color test section, residents chose "dark adobe". The cleaning and staining of the sidewalk was completed in three days.

Irrigation Upgrade at Lincoln Elementary School

Last month, the irrigation system at Lincoln Elementary School was upgraded. The installation was managed by Parks Maintenance staff members Tom Diaz and Anthony Petrarca, with assistance from Brett McCulloch and Rich Trevino.

The upgrade was necessary to improve the water pressure. In recent years, the field was not receiving a consistent amount of water – some areas were dry while other areas were over-watered. Lincoln Elementary School is used by different sports groups who expect the fields to be at a high standard of playing condition. The City is responsible for the maintenance of the fields at the school site, and the upgrade was funded by the AYSO District 57, Newport Beach Little League, and the Coed Adult Soccer sports groups.



Removal of Inlet Guards

This week, the Storm Drain Maintenance Crew will finish the removal of 435 inlet guards in front of catch basins on Balboa Boulevard, Balboa Island, and portions of Coast Highway in West Newport and Corona Del Mar to minimize the potential for flooding during the upcoming winter/rainy season. The program was implemented ten years ago, and the inlet guards have proven to be one of the best structural improvements that the City has made in order to improve water quality and to keep trash and other debris from entering into our harbor and ocean during the dry spring and summer months.



October 5, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

Police Department Receives "Partner in Progress" Award

On Thursday, September 20, Chief Johnson along with members of the Newport Beach Police Department attended the seventh annual Visit Newport Beach Dinner and Market



Outreach event at the Pelican Hill Resort, where they were presented with the "Partner in Progress" award. The Police Department partnered with Visit Newport Beach earlier this year to deploy what is perhaps the nation's first collaborative program between a city police department and that city's tourism industry. Over the past several months, NBPD members received instruction on the value of the visitor industry to the city of Newport Beach. In addition to receiving the award, Department members were

recognized for their exceptional service during the 2011 Balboa Ferry incident involving a family visiting from Taiwan. Visit Newport Project Coordinator, Erin Ramsauer, praised Chief Johnson and his staff saying, "His Officers not only protect and serve, but also enhance our visitors' experiences in Newport Beach in a very positive way – ensuring that our tourists have a wonderful, memorable, incomparable experience in our City."

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



The Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) partnered in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on September 29. The event, coordinated by Crime Prevention Specialist Erica Sperling, took place at the Oasis Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event gives the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Last April, Americans turned in 552,161 pounds of prescription

drugs at over 5,600 sites operated by the DEA and nearly 4,300 state and local law enforcement partners. DEA Agent Jim Eastman reported that 350 pounds of medications were dropped off during Saturday's event.

Police Department Partners with Hoag Hospital for Blood Drive

Over the past two weeks, 19 Police Department members participated in a blood drive with Hoag Hospital Blood Donor Services. Each donation yields one unit of red blood cells and one unit of plasma that will benefit at least 45 Hoag patients. Hoag Hospital expends approximately 2,000 units of blood per month and is in critical need of blood donations. Assisting Hoag to help meet their needs was very gratifying for those who participated.

All blood and platelet donations go directly to patients at Hoag Hospital and are used for various surgeries and cancer treatments. The donor services center accepts appointments five days a week, and individuals may schedule an appointment to donate blood or platelets by calling 949-764-5621.



Citizens' Police Academy Graduates Give Back



On September 21, two Newport Beach Citizens' Police Academy Class 31 graduates treated 25 hungry Patrol Officers to a delicious barbecue lunch. Self-described "foodies," Adam Gafke and Don Thompson, wanted an opportunity to show their appreciation to the hard working men and women of the Department and could think of no better way than to provide them with lunch prior to their shift. Shown at left are Don Thompson, Officer Adam Gilbert, and Adam Gafke, all of whom have kept in contact well after the conclusion of the class.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

City Manager's Newsletter

To: David A. Kiff, City Manager

From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director

Date: October 5, 2012



ENERGY EFFICIENCY & WATER CONSERVATION AT RACE FOR THE CURE

The "Race for the Cure" is an annual event sponsored by the Susan G. foundation. This year's event was held at Fashion Island on September 23 with over 24.000 attendees. The Komen Foundation provided the City with a booth and Public Works took advantage of the opportunity to disseminate energy efficiency and water conservation information to the community. This was a joint effort with Southern California Edison and The Gas Company. We are happy to report this marketing, education and outreach effort was a huge success. captured the attention of a great audience interested in making a difference!



PUBLIC WORKS WELCOMES ALI AOUDE

Ali recently began an internship in our Department as a part-time technical aide. Ali is in his last year at the University of California Irvine and he's pursuing a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a minor in Civic and Community Engagement. His hometown is Fresno, and he moved to Orange County when he started at UCI. He is currently a Resident Advisor at UCI Mesa Court Housing, served as a Student Parent Orientation Program (SPOP) staff counselor for several years and is a member of the Engineering Student Council (ESC). After graduation, his goal is to begin his career in Civil Engineering. He enjoys hiking, playing soccer, watching movies, and camping.



To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: October 5, 2012





24TH ANNUAL NEWPORT BEACH SURF CHAMPIONSHIP

The 24th Annual Newport Beach Surf Championships were held Oct 29-30, 2012 at 56th Street beach. This year we had approximately 130 participants ages 9 to 45 years old. Both participants and spectators enjoyed summer like weather conditions and great waves

which made for a perfect weekend. Special thanks to Arnette and Jacks Surfboards

who were the event sponsors as well as Darren Brilhart who partners with the City to manage and provide this event for the community. First place winners from each age division received a custom surfboard from "Dano" Surfboards. We are all looking forward to next year's 25th annual event!



IT'S KICKOFF TIME—HEADS OR TAILS??



The Newport Beach Youth Flag Football season is now underway! The first 2 weeks of the popular "Friday Night Lights" football program were a success with games played on September 21 and 28 at Bonita Creek Park. There are still eight weeks left so don't miss out in the opportunity to watch the hottest game in town. The program features 21 teams with over 250 participants divided into the 3rd-4th grade-"C" and 5th-6th grade-"B" divisions. The action will continue through Friday, November 30, the date of the championship game.

NEWPORT COAST COMMUNITY CENTER

The Department would like to welcome, Jennifer Schulz, the new Recreation Coordinator at Newport Coast Community Center. Jen joins the team from the Fire Department and will be assisting with the operations at NCCC as well as the Aquatics Program. The department is excited to have her join the team!





AQUATICS

The City assisted the Newport Mesa Unified School District in replacing 4 sand filters at the Marian Bergeson Aquatic Center (CDM High School) at the end of the summer. The installation is complete and the new filters are up and running!

WE HAVE A CELEBRITY!

Michelle Clemente, the Marine Protection and Education supervisor was featured in the August issue of Coast magazine. The article actually features Michelle's very interesting office décor at Big Corona beach, which features, among many interesting things, an octopus named Mitch. The article is on page 34 of this month's issue!

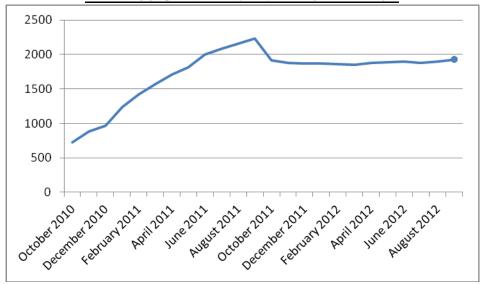




OASIS FITNESS CENTER UPDATE:

Currently, we have 1,928 fitness center members. The fitness center saw 5,396 users in September 2012, an increase from Sept 2011 (5,275) and Oct 2010-11's average (5,091), our first full membership year. Personal training continues to show growth bringing in \$15,420 in revenue and providing 293 sessions to members in the month of September.





EVENTS AT OASIS

Flu Shot Clinic - The Hoag Hospital Department of Community Health in cooperation with OASIS will provide free flu shots on Wednesday, October 10, 9-11:00am. The flu seasonal influenza vaccine will be available to individuals 18 years and older on a first come first served basis. No appointments are necessary.

League of Women Voters - To prepare for the election, the Nonpartisan League of Woman Voters speakers will present PROS & CONS for 10 ballot measure at OASIS on Wednesday, October 10, 10-11:30am. This presentation is ideal for people who need further clarification of the ballot measures. Questions are welcome.

Top Ten Myths About Social Security - Frank Van Nostrand, Public Affairs Specialist will present an informative discussion on the misconceptions people have about Social Security. This presentation will be held at OASIS on Wednesday, October 17 at 1:00pm.

How To Keep Gambling Fun - Gambling is the number one social activity for adults over 65. Suzanne Koch Eckenrode, MFT will be at OASIS on Monday, October 15, 1-3:00pm discussing this popular source of entertainment. She will discuss how to keep gambling "low risk" and fun and how to get help if the warning signs of problem gambling appear.

Social Events - Some of the upcoming holiday-themed special events include our Oktoberfest at the OASIS on October 24 featuring entertainment by the Main Street Oompah Band, our Thanksgiving luncheon on November 21 featuring the Firehouse Stompers Dixieland Band, and our annual Holiday Luncheon on December 21 featuring the Mike McCaffrey Trio.

